

The Field of Boaz As a Type Of The Church (Ruth 2:4-7)

Proposition: Every child of God can understand the importance of the church by seeing it's types and shadows in the text before us tonight.

I. The Activity of the Lord in the Church (Vs. 4 & 5)

A. A Close Activity (Vs. 4a)

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A. An Accountable Assembly (Vs. 4a)

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The Field of Boaz as a Type of the Church Ruth 2:4-7
There is all kinds of plans for growing a church out there today. I read one today that I thought was rather interesting. Plant 3 rows of Squash.

Well here in our text we don't exactly have a garden, but a field. This field is the backdrop to a beautiful relationship between Boaz and Ruth. We can think of the church in the same way. The church, the assembly of God's people is an indispensable part of the child of God. One preacher said: "You can go to a good church and not be a Christian. But you cannot be a good Christian and not go to church." Every child of God can understand the importance of the church by seeing its types and shadows in the text before us tonight.

I. The Activity of the Lord in the Church - 2:4 In this phrase we find Boaz visiting the fields that he owned. In Rev 2:1 we read that Jesus is

walking in and among the churches. When God
A. A Close Actively - In his visit
to the fields we see Boaz paying
close attention to what is going on
there. His workers seem to be pleased w/
his presence. Now no matter where
and when believers assemble Jesus is there
but times in the worship we experience
his manifest presence. I've heard some say
Boy He showed up and showed out. I know what
they mean. I love it when the Lord's presence
is closer than at others. I've been there
when he's stopped by ⁽³⁾ and reminded me of his

B. A Constant Actively - Boaz
seems to be the owner and operator of the
field. And chances are that he is often
busy with the affairs of the market and
cannot spend every moment in the field.
V55 indicates there is an unnamed overseer
Sore one to act upon his behalf. This
servant acted out the bidding of Boaz
his will, his desires, and his assignments
were carried out by this servant. In the word
of God the unnamed servant is a type of H.S.
No attention to Himself, just performing

II. The Assembly of the Lord at the
In every one of our text verses
we read of these reapers. These are a
type of the individual members in the

1) Plant 3 rows of Squash: Squash gossip, Squash criticism, Squash indifference. Plant 7 rows of peas: Prayer, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness, Preparedness, Purity, Patience. Plant 7 heads of lettuce: Let us be unselfish and loyal, Let us be faithful to duty, Let us search the Scriptures, Let us not be weary in well-doing, Let us be obedient in all things, Let us be truthful, Let us love one another. No garden is complete without turnips: Turn up for church, Turn up for meetings, in prayer, and Bible study, Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult, Turn up with determination to do your best in God's service.

2) ...when god's people assemble we can be assured of His presence! Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

3) ...me of his glory and his power! How wonderful when the Lord draws near our field.

4) ...just performing the work of the master. John 16:13-14 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. One author wrote: The Holy Spirit is the unseen guest of every service. He is the unseen guide of every service. He is the unseen guard of every service. He is the unseen gift of every service. The Holy Spirit is the Lord of the Church. He is the Life of the Church. He is the Leader of the Church. He is the Liberty of the Church. He is the Lover and the Light of the Church. The Holy Spirit is the One that Jesus has set over the Church to capture the attention, to control the activity, complete the assignment, to conduct the affairs, to certify the accomplishments, conform the attendants, and cause the additions to the Church.

1) Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

2) ...someone else's field. Speaking of excuses I read the other day of a church promotion in Michigan called "No excuse Sunday" Their advertisement in the paper read: "Please join us next Sunday for Church. We're going to make it possible for everyone to attend Church next Sunday by having 'No Excuse Sunday.' Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say Sunday is my only day of rest. Steel helmets will be there for those who say, the Church will cave in if I ever come. Blankets will be furnished for those who say the Church is cold and fans for those who think it is hot. We will have hearing aids for those who think the pastor preaches too softly, and cotton for those who think he preaches too loudly. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites who are present. Some relatives will be there for those who like to go visiting on Sundays. There will be TV dinners for those who cannot go to Church and cook Sunday dinner too. One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to worship God outdoors. Finally the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the Church without them." Ruth had it right in verse 7.

3) ...gather together to give honor to God for the kindness he has shown upon us! Psalms 100:1-5 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Church is not a place where we come to be counted, but a place to be thankful. A place gratitude and glory to God are evident!

Church. Notice these are...

A. An Accountable Assembly -

We don't know how many there were or where they were from but we do know that they were drawn together by a person to a place for a purpose. Heb 10:25 says They were accountable to be in the field both to each other and to their Lord Beaz. They weren't making excuses for why they were in.

B. An Appreciative Assembly - Vs 4 -

It seems as though Beaz and the reapers had a good working relationship. Vs 4b This is a prayer of blessing and a salutation. An expression of Kindness and Love. Their response was 4c. An expression of their appreciation for his kindness to them. This even sounds like Church. Church is a place for God's people to gather.

C. An Active Assembly -

These reapers were not sleepers. They were actually participating in labors prescribed by Beaz. They were not idle but involved in the work. Active and productive. One said "It seems our churches are full of willing people, some willing to work, others willing to let them." Are you active?

III. The Attention of the Lord for the

Church - Vs 5

I can see Beaz coming by the field in His Chevy 281 gets out with a cup of coffee, speaks to the reapers, looks over the field and

all of a sudden "Who is that?"

A. A Telling Attention - He picked her out of the crowd. He saw her intuitively, this is very telling. Although we gather together as a group, a crowd that have assembled together to lift our combined voices in praise to God, yet he sees us individually. He sees our

true condition. Hebrews 4:13 says The Lord sees each and every one of us. He knows our needs, our trials and our sins. He sees our hearts. As we grow as a church it will be harder to develop that

B. A Tender Attention - Boaz asked Vs 5.. J Vernon McGee translates it: "Well where in the world has she been that I haven't met her before?"

He goes on to say that the Hebrew would be like the sound of a Hebrew wolf whistle. You see it was love at first sight. It was one of those "You had me at Hello" moments. Yes his vision of her was telling but also tender. Our Lord Jesus not only look on us but loves us. Psychologists tell us that one great

IV. Close - We live in a day and time when many minimize and neglect the church. It is getting so that many churches are cancelling services and are meekly less and less instead all the more. Have we

1) Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

2) ...to develop that individual attention for one another. But no matter how large of a church we become God will not only see us as a congregation of His people but as individuals that are his children.

3) ...that one great need of every human heart is to feel loved. Many people feel unloved. A wife feels that her husband doesn't love her anymore. A child feels unloved by their parent. Yet I can assure you of God's love. One preacher said: Many are going around plucking daises, "He loves me, He loves me not." When good things happened we say, "He loves me." But when bad things happen we say, "He loves me not." We must never forget that the answer is always, "He loves me!"

4) ...have we forgotten what our church is for and why we are here? This is a place of the activity of the Lord, the assembly of the Lord, the attention of the Lord. What is it to you? Is this place more important to you today than it was a year ago. Five years ago?